## Good Evening, Loiederman Families!

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Tomorrow, Monday, February 14, is an ODD day.

- **SGA Spirit Week:** The Loiederman SGA is sponsoring a spirit week next week, beginning on Monday, February 14th! Monday, wear red and pink for Valentine's Day. Tuesday, wear a fun, comfy, or wacky hat! Wednesday is Olympic Wednesday, where you can sport Olympic gear or celebrate your favorite sports team with a jersey. Throwback Thursday to what you would have worn when you were in elementary school! And finally Friday, to celebrate our Loiederman Pride!
- Rapid Test Kits: COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kits were distributed to MCPS students and staff in January 2022. MCPS is planning future distributions that will take place over the next couple of months. The kits each include two tests. The tests are rapid COVID-19 antigen at home tests that give results in approximately 15 minutes and can be used whether or not an individual is experiencing symptoms. Background Recommendations of when rapid tests should be used: When a student has been identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19—Use a rapid test 5 Days after exposure. When an unvaccinated student is in quarantine—Use a rapid test on Day 5 to return to school on Day 8. When a student has developed COVID-19 symptoms—Use a rapid test at onset of symptoms. When returning from travel or large gatherings—Use a rapid test before returning to school.
- **Homework Club:** Attention students! If you are in need of help to get caught up in any of your classes or need support with assignments, the Lion's Den (HW club) is opening back up starting Tuesday, February 15th. If you already submitted a permission slip, you are welcome to attend. If you have not turned in a permission slip, ask your English teacher for a slip and turn it back into your teacher ASAP. If you have any questions, please see or email Ms. D (pamela\_decederfelt@mcpsmd.org) Hope to see you there!
- **COVID Reporting:** MCPS created <u>a Google form</u> for reporting your student's COVID-19 test results. We want to be sure families understand the timeline around exposures and positive tests. We have provided a <u>quarantine calculator</u> with all of the dates to help families determine when their child should return to school after testing positive for COVID-19. Again, please use the link above to report if your student tested positive and please use the calculator to determine timelines for your student's return to school.
- Free, On-Demand Online Tutoring Available for K-12 Students: All students have access to free tutoring and 24/7 homework help to support success in their current courses/grade level, through two new approved tutoring providers, FEV Tutor and Tutor Me Education. As part of comprehensive strategies to mitigate learning disruption, all students will have access to these virtual tutoring services through their MCPS Google account, using Clever. More information about how to access tutoring services is available <a href="here">here</a>.
- **PTSA Direct Donation Link for Picnic Tables:** The Loiederman PTSA is starting a direct donation campaign to help fund multiple picnic tables to support the continuation of outdoor lunches this school year and the years to come! If you are interested in making a donation, please use this direct donation link.

Make sure to visit our <u>February Newsletter</u> to stay updated with all LMS Lion News and to check out the <u>LMS PTSA Page on Facebook</u>. Stay well, stay safe, and thank you for staying connected to Loiederman. Have a good evening!

## **Attachments:**

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